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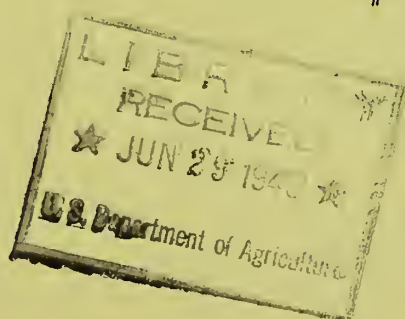
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KADDERLY: In Washington, this time, we lead off with the Bulletin Board. A little later, we'll have some information about the United States Crop Corps. First item on the Bulletin Board is a very brief one about vegetables. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics tells us that conditions affecting commercial truck crops were generally more favorable the first half of June than in May. Most truck crops made good progress. On the less favorable side, growers in many northern sections haven't been able to keep up with the weeds and may lose some of their acreage of root crops. The harvesting season for early crops in the South and West is about over, and the large cities are getting more and more of their fresh vegetables from truck farms located nearer to them. To give you the next and final item from the Bulletin Board, here's Ruth Van Deman.

VAN DEMAN: I've just been reading a report on food prices...a report issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The substance of the report is that average consumer income has gone up faster than retail food prices. Let me quote a statement: "The average consumer today is able to purchase a "food basket" of specified foods for a smaller share of his income than at any period of record." The report goes on to say this is true even when you subtract direct personal taxes from the income figure before you compare that income with food prices. It adds that consumers have spent more for food partly because they bought more food. With incomes rising faster than food prices, consumers have bought the larger quantities of food made available by record farm production, and have purchased increasing proportions of food at eating places. People who have had little or no increase in pay since the war began are paying a higher percentage of their income for food, but average consumer income has gone up faster than retail food prices.

KADDERLY: That's all from the Bulletin Board.

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